

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 618

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of the Honorable J. N. Badgett, Jr.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Judge J. N. Badgett, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Judge Badgett was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as the Blount County General Session Judge, in which position he earned the respect of those who appeared before his court for the exemplary quality of his work; and,

WHEREAS, Judge J. N. Badgett, Jr., held this prestigious post from 1971 until 1981; in 1974, he served as the President of the Tennessee General Sessions Judges Conference; and

WHEREAS, Judge Badgett was the son of John N. Badgett, Sr., who stood as President of the Bank of Maryville; and

WHEREAS, prior to returning to Blount County in 1970, Judge Badgett rendered sterling service for thirty years as a member of the United States Army, serving as a pilot, a flight instructor during World War II, and an attorney in the judge advocate section; and

WHEREAS, a deeply respected man of many talents, the Honorable J. N. Badgett, Jr., served on the board of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, was Secretary of Magnolia Cemetery, and was a charter member of the Maryville Rotary Club, for which he accumulated an astounding record of thirty years of perfect attendance; and

WHEREAS, Judge Badgett was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Blanche Clark Badgett, the daughter of Hugh M. Clark, a well-known Broadway florist; Mr. Clark's mother was the sister of D.W. Proffitt, founder of Proffitt's Department Store; and

WHEREAS, Judge Badgett was the proud father of three children, John "Chip" N. Badgett III, Tim Badgett, and Susan Metzler; and

WHEREAS, Judge Badgett leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of the Honorable J. N. Badgett, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Judge Badgett.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.